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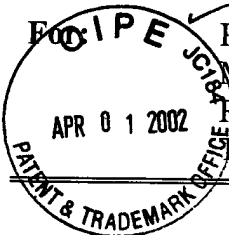
PATENT APPLICATION

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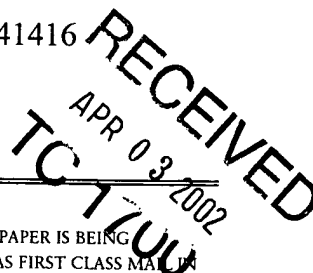


PULTRUDED PART AND  
METHOD OF PREPARING A  
REINFORCEMENT MAT FOR  
THE PART

**Examiner:** Torres-Vealquez, N. ✓

**Group Art Unit:** 1771 ✓

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002, requiring restriction of the application. The position was taken that the claims are directed to three distinct inventions. In particular, Group I, claims 1-12 and 97-103, are drawn to a "pultruded part", Group II, claims 13-28 and 65-96, are drawn to a "mat", and Group III, claims 29-64 and 104-120 drawn to a "method of making a mat".

The applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, claims 13-28 and 65-96. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this communication. However, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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